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Mr. Colm Gaynor  
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Dear Mr. Gaynor:

Enclosed is a copy of the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) final report of FSIS' April 14-May 2, 2000, audit of the Republic of Ireland's meat inspection system. We included your December 13, 2000, letter as an addendum to this final audit report.

We appreciate DAFRD's quick attention to the deficiencies identified during the audit and addressed in the August 24, 2000, draft final audit report, and the assurance that the establishments certified by DAFRD to export meat to the United States comply with FSIS requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the final audit report or the audit itself, please contact me at telephone number 202-720-3781, facsimile number 202-720-7990, or email address (sally.stratmoen@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

Sally Stratmoen, Acting Director  
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Office of Policy, Program Development  
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Enclosure